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IN MEETING WITH PAGNIEZ (QUAI CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS)
FEB. 9, WE RAISED SUBJECT OF FRENCH VIEWS ON NATO INTER-
OPERABILITY. PAGNIEZ REPLIED THAT FRENCH BELIEVE WORK
IS GOING WELL WITHIN NATO'S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTER-
OPERABILITY AND FRANCE INTENDS TO CONTINUE ACTIVE PAR-
TICIPATION IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES. PAG-
NIEZ COMMENTED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF PREPARATORY WORK
HAS BEEN DONE BY FRENCH MOD, WITH VIEW TO EQUIPPING
FRENCH REPS TO PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN THIS NATO WORK PRO-
GRAM. MOREOVER, AS EVIDENCE OF PRIORITY FRENCH ATTACH
TO THIS, PARIS SENT TWO SENIOR REPS (ONE FROM GENERAL
STAFF AND ONE FROM MOD OFFICE OF ARMAMENTS) TO BRUSSELS
TO PARTICIPATE AS PART OF FRENCH DELEGATION IN LAST
WEEK'S AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING. FRENCH WILL SEND
OTHER EQUALLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS TO SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.
IN GENERAL, SAID PAGNIEZ, FRENCH BELIEVE SUBJECT OF
INTEROPERABILITY IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES PRIORITY
TREATMENT THROUGHOUT ALLIANCE. PAGNIEZ COMMENTED THAT
FRENCH FEEL SPECIAL "VOCATION" TO STIMULATE PROGRESS
CONCERNING INTEROPERABILITY WITHIN ALLIANCE. IT WAS
THIS SPIRIT THAT PROMPTED FRENCH TO TAKE LEAD IN TURNING
NATO'S ATTENTION TOWARD IMMEDIATE TASKS OF INTEROPERA-
BILITY, LEAVING FOR A LATER TIME PROGRESS ON MORE
DIFFICULT ISSUES OF STANDARDIZATION.
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